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Project Name: Sustainment, Maintenance, Overhaul, Repair and Reverse Engineering (SMORRE) Center for Vertical Lift Aircraft
Recipient: Fleet Readiness Center East Vertical Lift Center of Excellence
Recipient Address: PSC Box 8021, Marine Corps Air Station, Fleet Readiness Center East, Vertical Lift Center of Excellence

Recipient City: Cherry Point
Recipient State: NC
Recipient Zip: 28533

Amount of Request: \$2,350,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

Source Horizon, Inc. in Burlington, NC and Defense Holdings, Inc. in Trenton, NC will work to create a Sustainment, Maintenance, Overhaul, Repair and Reverse Engineering Center under the direction of the Vertical Lift Center of Excellence. As our nation's military sees an increased operational tempo, aging weapons systems and limited financial resources, sustainment of our nation's aviation resources is paramount in ensuring the mission effectiveness throughout the system's life cycle. Many aircraft continue to serve past their anticipated retirement date and require increased, yet unpredictable, demand for mission-ready resources thereby making obtaining replacement parts one of the critical requirements that define their operational availability. This project will provide economic development, create engineering and manufacturing jobs, sustain existing, and create new critical technical disciplines by leveraging many small business capabilities and coupling those small businesses with University based research and technology, and Community College based labor training and education throughout the State of NC. This effort will foster and guide the conduct of research and product development to improve the reverse engineering process and identify emerging technologies that can be exploited to accelerate the lead time for obsolete components. It will also work with the NC Community College system to provide workforce training and education programs beneficial to the DoD aviation maintenance communities.

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